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GOVERNOR
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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *In the Matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of licenses and Authorizations (WT Docket No. 11-65).*

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing in support of AT&T's proposed merger with T-Mobile.

Investment in mobile broadband is a key driver for economic growth and innovation, and Ohio aspires to be a leader in this area. If the merger is approved, the new company will deploy more advanced mobile broadband (called 4G LTE) to more areas, covering a vast expanse of our state. I believe this will help Ohio's economy, especially by offering the following benefits:

- First, access to new and faster speeds and increased capacity attracts innovation, jobs and investment throughout Ohio.
- Second, mobile broadband is vital to education, job training, and economic development. Mobile broadband gives our citizens, including our children, the ability to have access to unlimited amounts of information and create a more level-playing field for all of our communities.

The combination of T-Mobile and AT&T also would position Ohio to take advantage of the economic recovery, assisting development in our hard-hit cities and in rural areas of the state, like the northwest and the Appalachian area in southeast Ohio. With this transaction, AT&T has promised to spend an additional \$8 billion in infrastructure upgrading over seven years, a pledge that should create much-needed economic benefits throughout Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,


John R. Kasich
Governor

CC: Commissioner Michael Copps
Commissioner Robert McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker